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# Ambassador's Term Extended

With summer over for another year and our Company's fourth birthday looming on the horizon, the traditional search for our next Ambassador would normally commence this week with a special edition of **EYES & EARS** and end with the announcement of the new Ambassador on October 1 in the Castle forecourt. But . . . there have been some changes in our Ambassador program and we thought this would be a good time to update the upcoming selection as well as talk a while with **Suzy O'Hara**, our current Ambassador.

But first, what are the program's changes? They began last month when our Marketing Division announced they were changing the Ambassador selection and term from October to October to serve **January to January**. This means that Suzy's term as Ambassador has been extended to January 1, 1976. And with that, we now have a new selection schedule.



*Over the past 12 months, Suzy has spent about 88% of her time on the road. And much of that time is spent in interview situations, from newspapers to magazines to radio to television. Here, Suzy is appearing on a morning news program in Atlanta.*

Starting the end of October, Suzy will be conducting special seminars which will include an in-depth look at our Ambassador program for interested cast members. Following on the heels of that, in mid-November, actual interviews for Ambassador candidates will begin after the applications are received. And then on **November 28, 1975**, our 1976 Walt Disney World Ambassador will be announced. The Ambassador elect will spend the month of December in an intensive training period and will begin her term on January 1, 1976.

With application and selection period just around the corner, so to speak, we visited a while with Suzy to get her impressions

of our Ambassador program . . . the training and day-to-day rigors that go into the making of an Ambassador. We also delved some into her background to give you a look at our Ambassador firsthand.

Suzy, a 21-year old Orlandoan who originally hails from Memphis, Tennessee, has lived and been schooled here for the past 12 years. She attended Edgewater High School and later Florida Technological University where she was a Communications major. Suzy claims such hobbies as dancing, sewing, cooking and a love for football, any kind, from the former Blazers to the Florida Gators and every team in between. As she puts it, "If there's a game on television and a set around . . . that's where you'll find me."

In 1971, Suzy joined our Disney cast under a Casual/Temporary status as a Pixie in the Christmas Parade and Mary Poppins. She soon found her formal dance training paying off when she became a permanent member of the Diamond Horseshoe show as Tilly.

Suzy, who had never pursued "beauty pageants" actively, entered the Miss Orlando Contest for a scholarship being offered the winner. She was crowned Miss Orlando in June of 1974. However, she relinquished her title some two months later when she was chosen the Walt Disney World Ambassador.

In the past 12 months as Ambassador, Suzy has spent most of her time "on the road." She was appointed an official "Visit U.S.A. Ambassador" by the United States Travel Service and spent two months on a globe-circling trip which took her to 14 foreign countries. She carried with her invitations to our country's 200th anniversary and the Disney Bicentennial extravaganza, America On Parade. Upon her return, she immediately set off on a three-month domestic tour to 34 states inviting their governors and citizens to participate in our Disney Bicentennial celebrations. Since that tour, she has spent a majority of her time on short trips all across the nation and Canada promoting Walt Disney World and many of our special

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## CAST ACTIVITIES

### AUDITIONS FOR COMPANY SATIRE PLAY NEXT WEEK!

That's right . . . the script writers are almost finished and auditions are all set for this year's traditional Company satire play, entitled, "The Ears Of Our Lives." And next week is your chance to be part of the action, to go down in the annals of Walt Disney World history, when this year's play takes its place up there next to such giants as "The Wizard of Diz," "Boiinnnggg!" and "A Little Bit of Pixie Dust."

The script calls for **45 parts**, enough so that everyone should find something they can do. The cast needs singers, dancers, straight actors and technical help. And the script writers are saying that this year's extravaganza will be the biggest and best yet.

Now, how do you become famous and find your name on the tip of everyone's tongue? All you have to do is attend one of the auditions on either **Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday**, September 16-18, at **7 pm** in the **Band Room** next to Fantasyland Cash Control. Dancers and actors/singers will be auditioned separately. Dancers should wear comfortable clothing which allows for movement.

**EYES & EARS** took a sneak look at part of the script and we can give you an unqualified guarantee that you will love this year's play. All we can say is that "The Ears Of Our Lives" is a satirical revue that will make soap operas look like a detergent commercial!

By the way, the part of the Swiss Family Tree House has already been cast. But there are plenty of other openings. So, for the time of your life, try out for "The Ears Of Our Lives."

### NEW CAST SOCCER CLUB FORMING

Many employees have expressed an interest to Cast Activities about the possibility of forming a **soccer league** to go along with our other league sports such as softball and basketball. To that end, Cast Activities has scheduled a meeting for Thursday, September 18, at 6:30 pm at the softball diamonds in the Admin. area. All interested cast members should call Cast Activities at extension 4254 to sign-up or drop by the softball field that evening.

**EYES & EARS** will be carrying more details soon, so watch for them . . . and be sure to attend if you're a soccer player (or want to learn how to play).

### EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT LISTINGS AVAILABLE

Cast Activities now has available a four-page listing of various discounts and services offered to cast members from business throughout the central Florida area. It includes discounts on entertainment, food, merchandise, clothing, services, and Florida resorts. Drop by Cast Activities on the 2nd floor of The Center and pick up your **FREE** listing today!

### GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR CAST MEMBERS

The next **Walt Disney World Golf Association Tournament** is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, at 8 am and Saturday, September 20, at 1 pm. Both games will be played on the Magnolia Course. The sign-up deadline is Monday, September 15 at the Golf Resort Pro Shop.

### PEDDLE BOAT RACES ARE A COMIN'

Watch **EYES & EARS** for details soon!

## GOLDEN VARIETY SHOW

Thursday, September 25 and Friday, September 26

8:15 P.M.

at the Ballroom of the Americas, Contemporary Resort

Tickets available at Cast Activities and all Cash Controls  
Admission: \$1 per person in advance \$1.50 per person at door



### FREE ROSIE O'GRADY'S PASSES HERE

Cast Activities now has available **FREE admission passes** to Rosie O'Grady's Good Time Emporium at Church Street Station. These passes, available on a first-come, first-served basis, are good for any night of the week! They will be given out **two** per person while they last . . . so hurry and drop by Cast Activities.

### DEADLINE EXTENDED ON JAMAICA TRIP

The deadline has been extended on the Dive Club's upcoming trip to Jamaica. A deposit of \$75 per person now has to be in to Cast Activities by **October 1** and the balance by **October 10**.

The diving vacation to Jamaica will be October 17 through October 24 and the total cost is \$385 per person. That price includes: round-trip airfare to Montego Bay, rental car, air conditioned room on the ocean (double occupancy), three meals per day, two dives per day off a 37-foot dive boat, all SCUBA gear included as well as all air fill-ups, taxes and gratuities.

And if you're not a diver but want to visit the island, then your cost will be only \$355.

Call Cast Activities for more details and drop by to sign-up. And get ready for some of the best diving in the world!



### CAST ACTIVITIES TICKET CENTER

#### FOOTBALL

Tickets are now available for the  
**1975 University of Florida games:**

Saturday, Oct. 11	<b>Vanderbilt</b> , Gainesville, 2 pm
Saturday, Oct. 18	<b>Florida State</b> , Gainesville, 2 pm
Saturday, Oct. 25	<b>Duke (Homecoming)</b> , Gainesville, 2 pm
Saturday, Nov. 8	<b>Georgia</b> , Jacksonville, 2 pm
Saturday, Nov. 15	<b>Kentucky</b> , Gainesville, 2 pm

#### THEATRE

"Give 'em Hell Harry" (A Bob Frost Production) - Friday, October 10, Orlando Municipal Auditorium, 8:30 pm



## DISNEYLAND SCORES A FIRST!

Here's a hot flash right from Disneyland . . . on this past Monday evening during the annual **Hourly vs. Exec. Softball Game**, the Disneyland management team beat the hard-hitting hourly team in a close 7 to 6 game, making that the first time at either Disneyland or Walt Disney World that a management team has won.

The hourly team, made up of representatives from each of the Disneyland Recreation Club teams, was favored over the management team, composed of players from the manager level and up. However, in an extremely close game, the "heavies" were slightly more heavy on the hits and won by a one point margin.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The first week of last month, a fire broke out in a mobile home owned by **Eddie Lent**, one of our chefs in the Village Restaurant. By the time it was put out, Eddie and his family of four children and wife were left with nothing but the clothes on their backs. The cast members in The Village pitched-in when they heard about the fire and helped Eddie and his family out. We received this note from him:

*To the Lake Buena Vista Cast:*

*We would like to thank all of the employees of the Lake Buena Vista Shopping Village for all of your help in obtaining clothing and other necessities that were lost in the fire which swept our mobile home on August 7. God Bless you all.*

*Mr. & Mrs. Edward Lent & Family*

## VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADDS COURSE

**Introduction to the Hospitality Industry (HM 101)** will be added to Valencia's course offerings at the Disney University for the Fall Term. The three-hour course which costs \$36 for Florida residents will be held from 6-9 pm Monday nights beginning September 15. Other Valencia classes include:

-BA 275 **Business Law I**, Mondays, 6-9 pm, beginning September 22

-BA 251 **Principles of Accounting**, 6-9 pm, beginning September 16

Florida Technological University will offer EDPE 660 (**School Recreation**) on Thursdays, 6-8:50 pm beginning September 25 at the South Orlando Resident Center, 7300 Lake Ellenor Drive in Orlando Central Park. The three-hour graduate level course costs \$60 and has no prerequisites or admission requirements. Students must register and pay their fees the first night of class. The course will cover all facets of recreation.

Students interested in the **Russian language class** may attend one either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings, 6-9 pm, according to instructor **Larry Maddison**.

All Orange County Adult Education classes will begin meeting next week if enrollment minimums are met. Please register as soon as possible since registration closes September 18.

The course descriptions and further information, please call the Disney University at extension 4744.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

According to a recent report released by the **Florida Department of Citrus** which sponsors our Sunshine Tree Pavilion . . . thirty-three million households in the continental United States representing slightly more than 100 million people, buy orange juice every month,

. . . daily consumption of orange juice in the United States adds up to 80 million servings of four ounces each, or 2.5 million gallons consumed every day,

. . . there are more than 15,000 individual citrus growers in Florida,

. . . and thanks to modern growing techniques, in 10 years citrus acreage in Florida is expected to decline to 863,000 acres, while fruit production is likely to climb to million 268 boxes.

## "WONDERFUL WORLD OF DISNEY" STARTS NEW TIME THIS WEEK



Walt Disney Productions' weekly television show, "The Wonderful World of Disney" begins its 22nd season as a family favorite in prime time television at a new time this fall, starting this week. The show will be broadcast a half-hour earlier than in past years, now starting at 7 pm on NBC. This new time will take effect starting this Sunday, September 14.

A wide range of top-rate entertainment is set for the upcoming season . . . from drama to adventure, comedy to mystery. Soon-to-be-broadcast programs include (clockwise, from upper left) "A Bull From the Sky," the adventure story of a young man who has to parachute his prized Brahma bull out of their cargo airplane to save his life . . . only to find wild tigers waiting for them on the ground.

"Napoleon and Samantha," starring Johnny Whitaker, Jodie Foster (pictured above), Will Geer and Michael Douglas is a touching and suspenseful story of a pair of youngsters and an old circus lion who make a perilous mountain trek in search of a friend.

"The Whiz Kid and the Carnival Caper" is a comedy and mystery served up in a delightful way with talented youngsters Eric Shea, Kim Richards and Clay O'Brien getting involved in fireworks, funhouses, monsters and bank robbers.

"The Boy Who Talked to Badgers," which will open the new season this week, is a sensitive drama that focuses on a father's inability to express his love and his young son's reaction in turning to nature's world for the comfort and understanding he seeks.

In addition, "The Wonderful World of Disney" will be airing two special two-hour programs during the 1975-1976 television season to bring you a couple of major Disney motion pictures. "Now You See Him, Now You Don't," starring Kurt Russell, Cesar Romero, Joe Flynn, Jim Backus and William Windom and "Monkeys, Go Home!," starring Maurice Chevalier, Dean Jones and Yvette Mimieux, will be broadcast on two separate Sunday evenings from 7 pm to 9 pm. The exact dates have not been decided, but **EYES & EARS** will carry them as soon as a decision is made.

## VINELAND INSURANCE OFFICE CLOSED NEXT THURSDAY

The Vineland Agency, Inc. will be closed next Thursday, September 18, for the entire day. The staff will be attending a special seminar to keep abreast of current insurance changes.

However, this will not affect any of our other insurance operations including the S.C.S. (payroll deduction plan) office which is located adjacent to the Vineland Agency's office on the 2nd floor of The Center.



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events. **EYES & EARS** caught her between two such trips and found out some of her impressions of our Ambassador program.

**EYES & EARS:** We know you're in town for just a day or two, where have you just been and where are you going next?

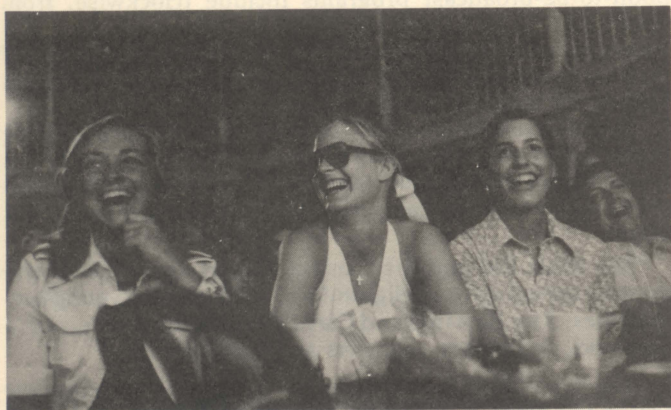
**Suzy:** We got back from Toronto two days ago where we spent a week promoting visits to Walt Disney World with Eastern Airlines at the Canadian National Exposition. It was a fantastic over-grown World's Fair that 3.5 million people visited in three weeks.

Tomorrow morning we leave for Dallas where we'll spend 5 days promoting Disney and will get back here just in time to greet and meet everyone at the Southern Governors Conference. And that will last four days.

**EYES & EARS:** Let's talk some about your term as our Disney Ambassador. Exactly how did you get into the program and what all does the job include?

**Suzy:** A fellow employee nominated me by filling out an application. It was a complete surprise when Lisa from the Disney University called and said my name was in the hat. I went ahead and attended the seminars and one thing led to another and here I am.

There's a lot more to the Ambassador program than just smiling and shaking hands. Especially the questions I am asked, you really have to be on your toes to answer them. I'm asked about everything from our resorts to the Theme Park to our ecology practices here. I couldn't believe how many questions people asked me, technical things like how does the AVAC system work and such. People are really interested in Walt Disney World.



Not all of Suzy's time is spent with the media. Sometimes she will take special guests through the Magic Kingdom, as she is pictured here with Susan Ford. Suzy and the President's daughter are enjoying the Diamond Horseshoe show . . . "from the audience instead of the stage," said Suzy, a former Horseshoe dancer.

**EYES & EARS:** Well, if you had to know so many answers, where did you start in order to learn them?

**Suzy:** I had to start from scratch. You see, at the Horseshoe nobody was going to climb up on stage and ask me a question about the Park, so I didn't have to a strong background in that area. I was a dancer.

(This interview with Suzy O'Hara will be continued in next week's **EYES & EARS**.)



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## CONTEMPORARY CONTINUING SALES

The **Contemporary Man**, **Contemporary Woman** and **Fantasia Shop**, all on the 4th floor of the Contemporary Resort, are continuing their employee sales with additional mark-downs on shoes, assorted clothing and accessories . . . plus your 20% employee discount on top of that! Stop by today before the selection is all gone.

## INCOME PLANNING - FOR TAX PURPOSES

For those cast members who have been with the Company for the entire year and do income planning for tax purposes, please note . . . the last paycheck of the year will be issued on Wednesday, December 31, making this a **53 week payroll year**. This is one additional week more income than was reported on your W-2 Form last year.

## FOR SALE:

**WINNEBAGO**, 'Minnie Winnie' motor home, '74 fully self-contained, sleeps 4, generator and air, TV, loaded. 859-1126

**1966 CHEVELLE**, A/C, like new tires, 51,000 miles, good condition, \$525. 273-0930.

**1968 IMPALA**, very good condition, \$650. 849-6591.

**1974 YAMAHA 250 ENDURO**, good condition, low mileage, \$650 or best offer. 298-2057.

**CAB OVER CAMPER**, 11 1/2', reasonable. 295-3934.

**1967 CAMARO**, 6 cyl. 4 speed, steel belted radials, am/fm stereo, blue with black interior. Call Tom at 628-0803.

**1974 HONDA 360** dirt bike, 2200 miles, excellent condition, sacrifice, \$850. Call Gary at 298-0848 after 5 pm.

**1964 CHEVY** 4 door hard top, new trans, good tires, \$275 or best offer. See at 4741 Lake Cecile Dr.

**1972 MAVERICK GRABBER**, 35,000 miles, good condition. \$1700, \$1200 down and take over payments of \$76.16 per month. Call Ann or Doug after 6:30 pm at 299-4788.

**1973 HONDA 350**, \$550. Can be seen at Holley Apartment, Apt. 203-L, Orlando.

**1962 CUSTOM CORVETTE**, Black with gold crushed interior, chrome header side pipes. \$2500 firm. Call Dudley Hill, 678-0681 between 6:00 and 7:00pm.

**SILVERTONE CONSOLE COLOR TV**, 21" \$50. Excellent condition. Call Mof-fett 851-7039 after 6pm.

**MAYTAG WRINGER WASHER**, used, \$45; apt. size Hotpoint Refrigerator, \$30; Like new Kroehler Hide-a-bed, black vinyl, \$140; Mirro Deluxe broiler, \$15; combination grater/chopper, etc. Never used, \$40. 273-8292.

**SAILBOAT**, Ventura Cat., 15' like new, \$775. Call Sandy or Rich after 5:30pm at 656-8923.

**DIAMOND RING**, 1/2 karat with connecting wedding bands, value \$1000, best offer. Call 295-9863, Debbie.

**FREEZER**, 10' Kelvinator upright, \$50. 298-0242.

**ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL** puppies, AKC, shots, wormed, excellent pet and hunting dog. \$150 each. Call 656-2303 or 859-5840.

**VALENCIA BOOKS**, for HE 151, MS 170 and PY 161. Call 656-2303 or 859-5840.

**SPANISH SOFA**, 80" and chair, black, \$125; Spanish walnut and black bookcase, 90"x6', \$45; Baby blue with dark blue trim mister and misses velvet chairs, custom made, 2 yrs. old. Best offer. Call Doug 293-6590 after 4pm.

**CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONER**, 3 ton, Wards, \$500, complete. 293-5825.

**G.E. 8-TRACK MULTI-PLEX**, am/fm, complete with fairly new speakers, \$100. Also, Lafayette am/fm multi-plex car stereo, \$75. Garrard turntable, \$25. See Lenny Trevino at 3903 Coronation Ct., Lyme Bay Colony Apartments, Orlando.

**FREE TO GOOD HOME**, 2 yr. old female dog, small, good watch dog, gentle with children. Call 273-0028.

**WANTED:** Youth bed in good condition at reasonable price. Call Larry or Ann at 859-6732 after 6pm.

**BABYSITTER:** For boy 5 1/2 and girl 8. 3 pm-6:30pm. Must be dependable and reliable. References. Near Sadler Elem. Call Debby, 859-0552 after 6:30pm.

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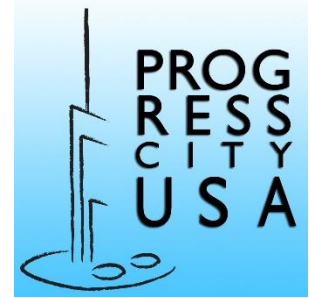
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